GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3330 ANSWERED ON 7TH AUGUST, 2018

IMPACT OF PMKSY

3330. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether implementation of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Sampada Yojana (PMKSY) has helped in ensuring remunerative prices for agriculture produces to the farmers and doubling their income;
- (b) if so, to what extent;
- (c) whether this has created employment avenues particularly in the rural areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether it has checked the wastage of agricultural produces; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SADHVI NIRANJAN JYOTI)

(a) to (f): The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing a Central Sector Scheme – PRADHAN MANTRI KISAN SAMPADA YOJANA - (PMKSY) for promotion and development of Food Processing Industries in the Country. The various schemes implemented under PMKSY are (i) Mega Food Parks; (ii) Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure; (iii) Creation / Expansion of Food Processing & Preservation Capacities; (iv) Infrastructure for Agro-processing Clusters; (v) Creation of Backward and Forward Linkages; (vi) Food Safety and Quality Assurance Infrastructure and (vii) Human Resources and Institutions.

The PMKSY is expected to leverage investment of Rs. 31400 crore, handling of 334 lakh MT agro-produce valuing Rs. 1,04,125 crore, benefit 20 lakh farmers and generate 5,30,500 direct/ indirect employment in the country by the year 2019-20.

PMKSY is a comprehensive package resulting in creation of modern infrastructure with efficient supply chain management from farm gate to retail outlet. Not only it provides a big boost to the growth of food processing sector in the country but also helps in providing better prices to farmers and is a big step towards doubling of farmers income, creating huge employment opportunities especially in the rural areas, reducing wastage of agricultural produce, increasing the processing level and enhancing the export of the processed foods.

The components of PMKSY like Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Infrastructure and Creation of Forward and Backward Linkages are very crucial in reducing the Harvest and Post-Harvest losses of the Agricultural produce.